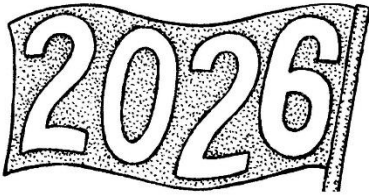


CHURCH SERVICES - *All welcome!*
January 2026 Service Schedule



January
2026

January	Brompton	Deighton	Welbury	W. Rounton	E. Rounton
4 th January	9.00am		6.00pm	10.30am	
11 th January	9.00am		11am Family Service		9.00am
18 th January	9.00am		11am	10.30am	
25 th January	Service at Methodist Church		6.00pm		9.00am

	East Rounton	West Rounton	Welbury
4 th January	Ms K Brown	Mrs A Lawton	Mrs M Heald
11 th January	Mrs S Bell	Mrs T Nightingale	Mrs P Wade
18 th January	“	“	“
25 th January	Mrs D Bell	Ms L Bandy	Mrs J Boyce
1 st February	“	“	“

Rountons & Welbury

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Vacancy

It's a year since we sadly said goodbye to Rev Jonathan Cooper and his lovely wife Margaret on his retirement.

Our curate, Rev Julia Staves, has been doing an amazing job since then, continuing where Jonathan left off, despite only having 2 days a week (unpaid) to do this for Welbury, Brompton, Deighton and the Rountons.

As part of her training, Julia has to undertake a placement in a different area so we will be without her for all of January, February and March. With the help of several retired clergy and lay readers, the majority of services will be covered during this time but please check the back of the Gazette each month for service details. Some are morning prayer where they would usually be a communion service and vice versa. If in doubt, please contact any of the churchwardens listed below.

Churchwardens for the benefice are.

Michael Nightingale, West Rounton 01609 882435,

Michael Dale, East Rounton 01609 882517

Joanne Hughes, Welbury 01609 882268

Peter Walker, Welbury 01609 882947

If anyone has anything for inclusion in the February gazette, please email me, katelindo@hotmail.com or randwgazette@hotmail.com or ring 07970 441129 by 15th January. Many thanks

**We wish all our readers
a very Happy and
Healthy**



Diary Dates - *All events in village hall unless stated.*

January 2026 Welbury

6 th	Charity quiz at the Duke of Wellington 8pm
9 th	WAGs at the Duke of Wellington 12.30pm
14 th	Indoor bowls 7-9pm
11 th	WI 7.30pm
20 th	Charity quiz at the Duke of Wellington 8pm
21 st	PCC meeting 7.30pm St Leonard's, Welbury
22 nd	Welbury coffee morning 11am - 12
28 th	Indoor bowls 7-9pm

Diary Dates for Welbury (in the village hall unless otherwise stated)

26th February 7.30pm - Welbury village hall committee meeting
17th February - Pancake Party in Welbury Church
14th March - Vintage Afternoon Teas
23rd May - Plant Sale & Coffee Morning
15th August - Village Show
19th August – Teesside & District Cactus Society event
6th December – Children's Christmas party

Rountons Village Hall now open for private hire by contacting booking secretary Hilary on 01609 882367 or chairman Martin on 01609 882845. Anyone interested in helping run events in the hall please contact Martin.

Lightweight wheelchair for loan at The Rountons

This is stored in East Rounton village hall. Please contact Martin Brown or Hilary Bell.

Wheelchair available from Welbury village hall for residents of Welbury or the Rountons. If anyone needs the use of a wheelchair either for themselves or visiting friends/relatives, please contact Elizabeth on 07866 522611.

Rountons churches open

St Lawrence East Rounton is open to visitors daily (daylight hours). For prayer, contemplation & to enjoy the history of the building. Arts & Crafts referenced including information & photograph displays of the history of The Bell family estate & Rounton Hall together with museum quality Morris & co. & Strachan stained glass windows (One being Gertrude Bell memorial window). St Oswald West Rounton Church opening arrangement arrangements (via Michael & Tanya Nightingale).

Welbury 150 Club January Draw

1st £50 (88) Phoebe Rennison

2nd £20 (62) Rob Gaudie

Winning numbers generated on random.org

150 club winnings can now be paid directly into the prize winner's bank account by bank transfer. Please contact Kate Lindo by phone or email – contact details on inside cover of gazette.

Welbury Church Cleaning January – Kate Lindo

Crafty Coffee sessions take place on the **2nd and 3rd Fridays** each month at 11am – 12.30pm in Welbury Village Hall. They are open to everyone who is interested in crafty things (or who just wants to come along for a chat and a coffee!). There is a charge of £2 to cover hire of the hall and occasional materials. Call me (Elizabeth) if you would like further information (07866 522611).

Hambleton FoodShare

Many thanks to those leaving donations of food and toiletries in the container in Welbury church porch.

Please continue to leave donations as these are collected on a regular basis and taken to the FoodShare collection points in Northallerton prior to distribution.



WAGS

(Welbury Aging Gentlemen – but not necessarily from Welbury!) The next meeting is on **Friday 9th January** at The Duke of Wellington at 12:30 then on **Friday 6th February**. New members are very welcome.

Indoor Bowls

The next sessions will be on Wednesday 14th January and Wednesday 28th January at the usual time from 7pm to 9pm in Welbury village hall.

If anyone is interested, contact peter.walker115@outlook.com

St Leonard's Church Open

Church will be open **10am-3pm** every Wednesday for private prayer and reflection or simply to enjoy a bit of peace and quiet in our beautiful church. Pop-up-Preserves continue in church on the bookcase as you go in porch whilst stocks last.

Welbury Village Hall

Available to hire by contacting Elizabeth, bookings secretary, on 07866 522611 or email welburyvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk - Please check the village hall notice board for details of weekly yoga classes, fortnightly bowls, monthly coffee morning and twice monthly crafty coffee featured in the Gazette. Village Hall litter pickers are available for all to use to help to keep Welbury looking lovely. These are situated in the green bin at the rear of the village hall, please return after use.

YOGA CLASSES

Welbury village hall every Wednesday 9am -10am followed by CHAIR Yoga 10.30am - 11.30am. Everyone welcome. All you need is a mat for the first session of yoga. £8 per session with the 7th session free.

To book, please contact Sue at sjyoga123@gmail.com

Rountons & Welbury Children's Christmas Party

Twenty five children attended the Christmas party and had a great time. It was a lively afternoon with games before a sit-down tea and then Santa arrived with a sack full of presents. A special thank you to Santa for finding time in his



busy schedule to visit Welbury and to all the children for being kind to each other. After expenses (presents, village hall hire etc) there was an excess of £30 donated to **The Children's Society** for those less fortunate. He'll be visiting again **Sunday 6th December 2026** (date for your diary!)

Charity Quiz at The Duke of Wellington



Following a fun-filled Christmas quiz £320 is being sent to the **Royal British legion** (the amount raised from October to December).

The next charity to benefit will be decided at forthcoming quizzes. Come along, join the fun and also raise money for charity. The quiz starts at 8pm the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

Rountons & Welbury Christmas Fair

It was an awfully wet night, which no doubt, affected the number attending, but thanks to everyone's generosity £2455 was raised to support The Rountons & Welbury churches.

It's very difficult to thank everyone individually but we had super prizes, especially donated by Whitegates, Roots, a turkey from Liz & Dave Moore and hampers from the lovely nurses at Nuffield hospital which made the job of the raffle ticket sellers much easier. The raffle accounted for £1567 of the total with the remainder raised on the night thanks to fabulous baking, crafts and competitions. Thanks to all who supported this event in any way on behalf of St Leonard's, St Oswald & St Lawrence's churches.

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Sudoku Medium Solution

Lighting up St Leonard's

Many thanks to all who have sponsored the outside lighting at St Leonard's church Welbury over the last few months. It is much appreciated.

Easyfundraising - Online Shopping

Raise free donations for St Leonard's Church, Welbury

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stleonardswelbury>

Please think of us when shopping online. It doesn't cost you anything but will help to raise funds towards looking after St Leonard's. Thank you so much to all those members who continue to raise money to support our church. It is much appreciated.

Thank you to all of our readers, contributors, those who deliver the gazettes and to Tanya for all the printing.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year.



Welbury WI -Meetings are usually held the third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm in Welbury village hall. New members & guests are very welcome to attend any meeting, listen to our interesting and varied speakers and to join us for supper afterwards. Please contact for further information Secretary: Tina Race 07764226812

2026 Programme

19th February – **Chris Lloyd** – P&B: Wonder Factory

19th March – **Amanda Heagney** – Artisan Soap

16th April – **Jen Coatez** – Travels in Nepal & Elephants

21st May – **Katherine Brown** – A walk on the wild side (meet at Roots farm shop)

18th June – **Jane McKeown** – The origin and history of nursery rhymes

16th July – **Stuart Barlow** – “A Lasting Friendship – Philip Webb and the Bells”

20th August – **Karina Wiles** – More than just a rug

17th September – **Linda Breckon** – Felt workshop

15th October – **Sunny & Liz** -Martin House Children’s Hospice

12th November – **AGM**

2026 Programme also on village hall notice board

Welbury WI report of December meeting

Following a short committee meeting to decide upon Secretary, Treasurer & Vice Presidents (all those holding these offices kindly agreed to continue; Tina as Secretary, Joanne as Treasurer with Judy as Vice President to President Jean Boyce) a festive social evening was held in Tina’s house with sherry & Tina’s delicious mince pies & Trish’s boozy nibbles. Our evening ended with singing our way through the first verse of 20 carols on the carol sheets.

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Sudoku Medium

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Solutions elsewhere in gazette

Appeal from the Rountons churches Could you spare a little time to help with our church flowers and/or the church cleaning? You don't have to be a churchgoer. We're especially looking for extra support in both East Rounton and West Rounton at the moment. Please contact katelindo@hotmail.com if you can help. Many thanks

Next Family Service

11th January 11am at Welbury 'The Baptism of Christ' - This will be a morning prayer service with Rev Peter Birkinshaw.

Please come along if you can & stay for refreshments after the service, including chocolate cake!

Everyone is welcome especially if they bring an adult!

Welbury PCC Meeting Wednesday 21st January 7.30pm at St Leonard's

Welbury Village Show 2026

Following last year's successful show, the surplus money was divided between Appleton Wiske Post Office fund, Welbury, Rountons & Deighton churches, Deighton & East Rounton Village hall (Welbury village hall benefited from having a storage cupboard built from the previous show).

This year's show will be Saturday 15th August 2026.

If anyone would like to suggest new classes or a change to existing classes please email Joanne joannehughes311@btinternet.com by the end of January so that the show committee can meet in February to finalise the schedule.

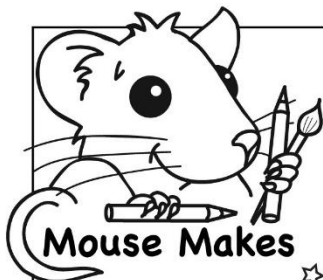


"The vicar's hoping providing a really strong mobile signal will attract more young folk to the church."

Carol singing in Welbury

The weather was awful but £242 was collected thanks to the generosity of the villagers when we knocked. Three households kindly paid us not to sing! This was shared between Teesside Hospice and St Leonard's church.

Many thanks to all who sang, to Claire & Pascal for providing welcome refreshments, and a special thank you to the ten singers from out of the village who joined the six from Welbury.



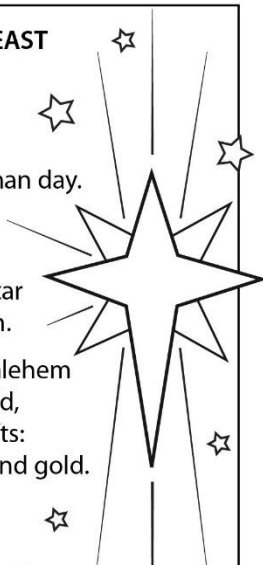
WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

The Wise Men came from a land far away, they had seen a star that shone brighter than day.

The star was a sign of the birth of a king, so they followed that star to pay homage to him.

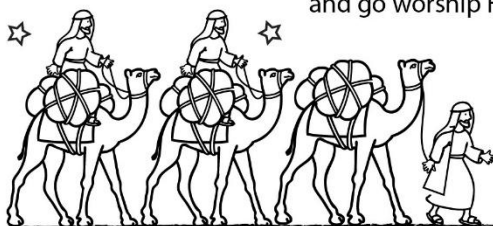
They found him in Bethlehem as the prophets foretold, they gave him three gifts: myrrh, frankincense and gold.

The star led to Jesus our saviour and king, let us join with the Wise Men and go worship Him!



DID YOU KNOW ?

Stars shine different colours, the colour we see depends on the temperature of the star. The hottest stars shine blueish-white, then yellowish-white, yellow, orange and the coolest stars shine red.



Read the story of the Wise Men in Matthew 2:1-12

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Can you find these words in the word search?

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